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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein:

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, C₁-C₅ alkyl and C₁-C₅ alkyl substituted by alkoxy or one or more halo;

R² is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, C₁-C₅ alkyl and C₁-C₅ alkyl substituted by alkoxy or one or more halo;

R³ is C₁-C₅ alkyl or C₁-C₅ alkyl substituted by alkoxy or one or more halo.

Page 44, lines 18-20, please delete (replace):

Example 1e)

Methyl (3E)-2-[(tert-butoxycarbonyl)amino]-5-cyano-2-methylpent-3-enoate

And insert therefor:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 204 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 4, 5, 32, 44, 64, 66, 67, 71, 99, 131, 133, 134, 138, 160, 161, 166, 198, and 200- 201 as follows:

4. (amended) The compound of claim 3 wherein:

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, and C₁-C₃ alkyl;

R² is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo and C₁-C₃ alkyl; and

R³ is C₁-C₅ alkyl, said C₁-C₅ alkyl optionally substituted by halo or alkoxy.

5. (amended) The compound of claim 3 wherein:

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, and C₁-C₅ alkyl; said C₁-C₅ alkyl optionally substituted by halo or alkoxy, said alkoxy optionally substituted by one or more halo;

R² is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo and C₁-C₅ alkyl; and

R³ is C₁-C₅ alkyl, said C₁-C₅ alkyl optionally substituted by fluorine or alkoxy.

32. (amended) The compound of claim 31 wherein:

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, and C₁-C₅ alkyl; said C₁-C₅ alkyl optionally substituted by halo or alkoxy, said alkoxy optionally substituted by one or more halo;

R² is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo and C₁-C₅ alkyl; and

R³ is C₁-C₅ alkyl, said C₁-C₅ alkyl optionally substituted by halo or alkoxy.

44. (amended) The compound of claim 43 wherein:

R¹ is fluorine;

R² is fluorine; and

R³ is methyl.

64. (amended) The compound of claim 58 wherein:

R³ is C₁-C₅ alkyl substituted by alkoxy.

66. (amended) The compound of claim 58 wherein:

R³ is C₁-C₅ alkyl.

67. (amended) The compound of claim 66 wherein:
 R^3 is methyl.

71. (amended) The compound of claim 69 wherein:
 R^1 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, and C_1 - C_5 alkyl; said C_1 - C_5 alkyl optionally substituted by halo or alkoxy, said alkoxy optionally substituted by one or more halo;
 R^2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo and C_1 - C_5 alkyl; and
 R^3 is C_1 - C_5 alkyl, said C_1 - C_5 alkyl optionally substituted by halo or alkoxy

99. (amended) The compound of claim 98 wherein:
 R^1 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, and C_1 - C_5 alkyl; said C_1 - C_5 alkyl optionally substituted by halo or alkoxy, said alkoxy optionally substituted by one or more halo;
 R^2 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo and C_1 - C_5 alkyl; and
 R^3 is C_1 - C_5 alkyl, said C_1 - C_5 alkyl optionally substituted by halo or alkoxy

131. (amended) The compound recited in claim 125 wherein:
 R^3 is C_1 - C_5 alkyl substituted by alkoxy.

133. (amended) The compound of claim 125 wherein:
 R^3 is C_1 - C_5 alkyl.

134. (amended) The compound of claim 133 wherein:
 R^3 is methyl.

138. (amended) The compound of claim 137 wherein:
 R^1 is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, and C_1 - C_5 alkyl; said C_1 - C_5 alkyl optionally substituted by halo or alkoxy, said alkoxy optionally substituted by one or more halo;

R² is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo and C₁-C₅ alkyl; and
R³ is C₁-C₅ alkyl, said C₁-C₅ alkyl optionally substituted by halo or alkoxy.

160. (amended) The compound of claim 156 wherein:

R¹ is hydrogen;

R² is hydrogen; and

R³ is ClH₂F.

161. (amended) The compound of claim 156 wherein:

R¹ is hydrogen;

R² is methoxymethyl; and

R³ is methyl.

166. (amended) The compound of claim 165 wherein:

R¹ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo, and C₁-C₅ alkyl; said C₁-C₅ alkyl optionally substituted by halo or alkoxy, said alkoxy optionally substituted by one or more halo;

R² is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halo and C₁-C₅ alkyl; and

R³ is C₁-C₅ alkyl, said C₁-C₅ alkyl optionally substituted by halo or alkoxy

198. (amended) The compound recited in claim 192 wherein:

R³ is C₁-C₅ alkyl substituted by alkoxy.

200. (amended) The compound of claim 192 wherein:

R³ is C₁-C₅ alkyl.

201. (amended) The compound of claim 200 wherein:

R³ is methyl.